

In the Specification

Please amend the abstract to read as follows:

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A method of enhanced tandem communication is provided between at least a first portion of a network suitable for voice communications and a second portion of a network suitable for voice communications. During operation, two representations of an encoded signal are transmitted from the first portion of a network. The two representations comprise the encoded signal produced by a first codec and a parameter translation of the first encoded signal into an encoded signal compatible with a single common compressed voice codec (CCVC) format.